Procurement of Sophisticated Medical Equipments

2643. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified the need to procure sophisticated medical equipments by various Government hospitals in country, for rendering better treatment facilities to patients, both outdoor and indoor;

(b) whether the lack of technical know-how amongst the operators of the existing medical equipments in some of the hospitals has rendered these equipments inoperative;

(c) whether any strategy has been chalked out for ensuring proper medical care to patients; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) No such country-wide identification has been made by the Union Government. Health, being a State subject, it is for the respective State Governments to identify the needs of their hospitals.

(b) Care is always taken to train the operative staff on the same equipment whenever a sophisticated equipment is installed in a Union Government Hospital.

(c) and (d). Every efforts is made to maintain the services in the Union Government Hospitals in the best possible manner within the resources for the patients. The working conditions of the hospital is regularly monitored and concerned efforts are made to improve them.

Grants to Colleges of U.P. by Union Government and UGC

2644. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance given during the last two years by the Union Government and University Grants Commission under different heads to degree and post-graduate colleges located in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) whether the Union Government have received any complaints regarding certain privately managed colleges on account of misuse of funds; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) According to the information furnished by the UGC, the Commission provided grants amounting to Rs. 372.42 lakhs in 1988-89 and Rs. 671.40 lakhs in 1989-90 to various eligible colleges in Uttar Pradesh for the following Plan Schemes:

(i) Adult, Continuing, and Extension Education;

(ii) Restructuring of courses;

(iii) General Infrastructural Development of Colleges; College Science Improvement Programme (COSIP); College Humanities and Social Sciences Improvement Programme (COHSSIP);

(iv) Research Projects/Promotion of Research;

(v) Facilities for SC/ST and minority and physically handicapped students.